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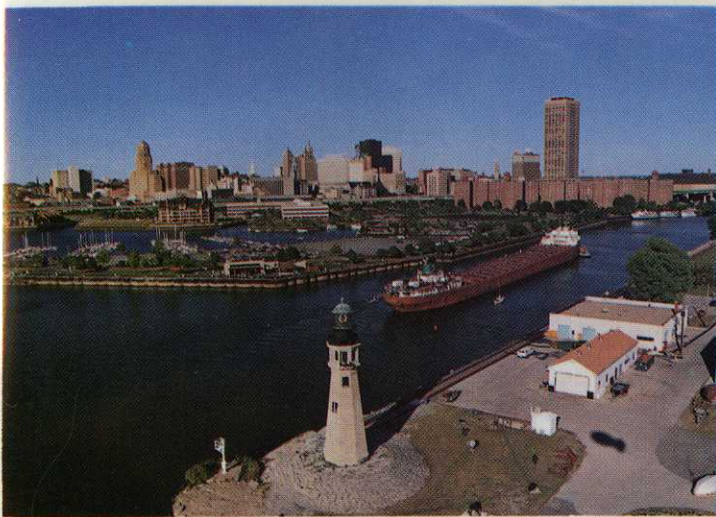
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BAPTIST CONVENTION, INC.

# 36th ANNUAL SESSION

*"God's Call - The Church's Response"*



## BUFFALO, NEW YORK

AUGUST 4 - 9, 1997

The Reverend Doctor Bennett W. Smith, Sr., President  
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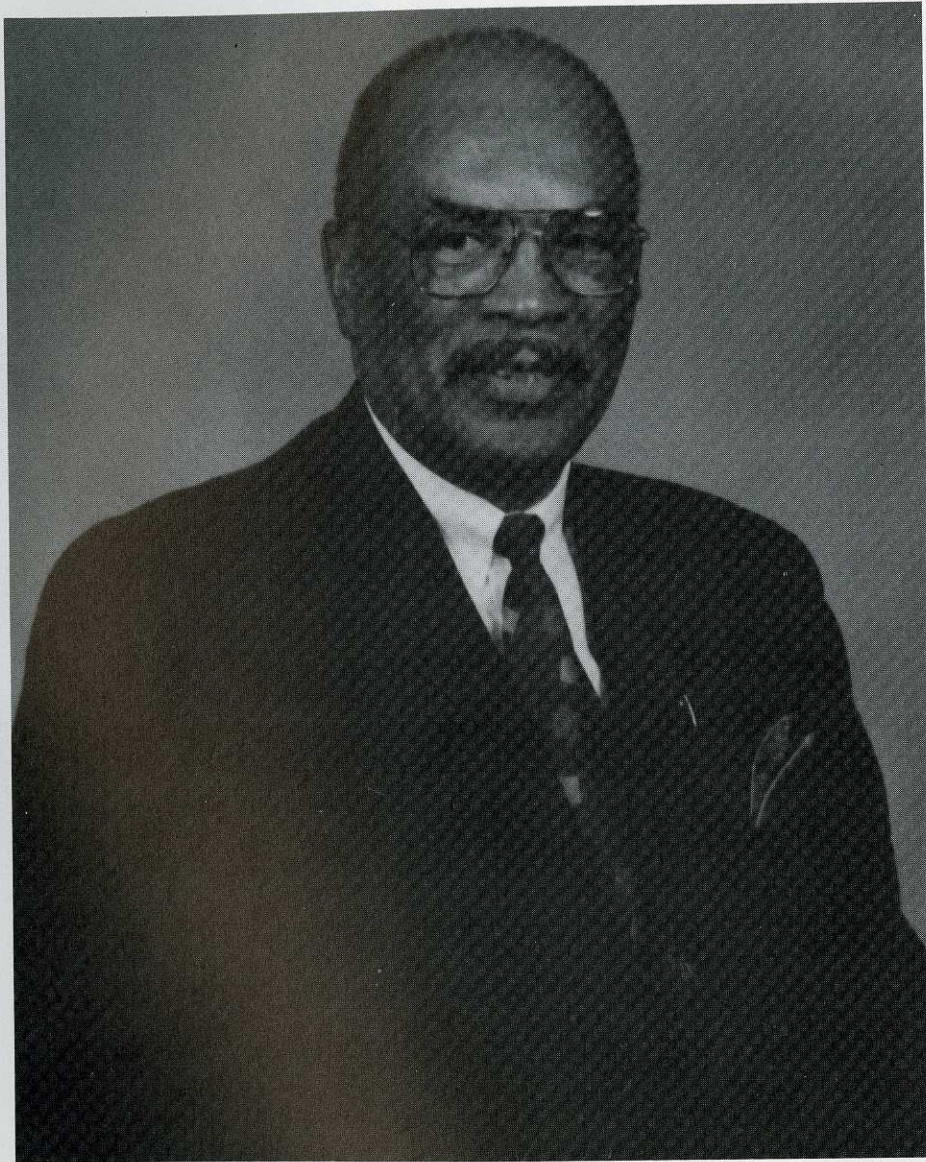
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*God's Call - The Church's Response*



***REV. DR. BENNETT W. SMITH, SR., PRESIDENT  
PROGRESSIVE NATIONAL BAPTIST  
CONVENTION, INC.***



***A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT***

**DR. BENNETT WALKER SMITH, SR.**

**THE PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE**

**A**s President of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., it is my esteemed pleasure to welcome our delegates and messengers to the city of Buffalo, and the western New York community. Most of you only know about our well reported snows. Buffalo is more than snow, it is a progressive productive community, with a kind and caring populace. We have a very active Church community, that is ecumenical in it's outreach, secure in it's doctrine and is enthusiastic in it's response to God's call.

We have a body politic, that is responsive to it's constituency. The County Legislature and it's Executive, the Common Council and it's President, the Board of Education and it's Superintendent, all have been most gracious and generous to us in helping to host this thirty sixth annual session.

Mayor Anthony Masiello has done more to make this convention a success for us, than any mayor of any city in the thirty six year history of our convention. He has instructed his staff and commissioners to be available to give us everything we need to make this convention a success, including free transportation back and forth to our hotels.

We want to thank the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority for their help in coordinating our transportation, especially Mr. Daryl Rasuli, The Communications Director.

The Church community is glad that we are here to reinforce the message of the saving grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Finally, let us not forget, in the midst of our spirit of vacationing and merry making with friends and family, that we are here on Kingdom Business. We have come to lift up the name of Jesus Christ. We have come to say to a dying world that, 'We serve a died, buried, resurrected and ascended Jesus Christ, who is coming again.' We have come here to Buffalo for our annual 'check up', for we want to be ready when He Comes.



# God's Call - The Church's Response



**Anthony M. Masiello**  
Mayor

**Marilyn J. Smith**  
City Treasurer

## **City of Buffalo** **Division of Treasury**

June 30, 1997



Dear President Smith, Delegates, Participants and Visitors,

I welcome the opportunity to extend greetings and best wishes for success on the occasion of your 36th Annual Session of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Incorporated here in our city of Buffalo, New York.

To those of you who are visitors to our city, *WELCOME TO BUFFALO!* I share the joy of this glorious occasion which brings together a consortium of distinguished leaders and followers who have dedicated their lives to Kingdom Building through Fellowship, Progress, Service and Peace. Our nation's religious institutions continue to grow and thrive because of people like you.

Buffalo has much to offer its guests. While you are visiting, we hope that you find time between your sessions, to enjoy and experience the special character of our city. Before the Civil War, Buffalo was an important station on the **Underground Railroad**, that helped slaves reach freedom in Canada. Buffalo has sent two leading citizens to the White House-----**Millard Fillmore** and **Grover Cleveland**. The State University of New York at Buffalo is **the largest university in New York State**. Roswell Park Memorial Institute, on Elm Street, was **the world's first cancer research center** and **the first to use radium as a treatment for cancer**. The **African American Cultural Center** is the home of the Paul Robeson Theatre. Buffalo City Hall located at 65 Niagara Square is a 1929 art deco skyscraper and **the largest City Hall in the country**, offering an Observation Deck on the 28th floor. Thirty-five miles north of Buffalo, the Niagara River tumbles over Niagara Falls as it drains Great Lakes Huron, Michigan, Superior and Erie into Lake Ontario.

Again, I welcome all of you to Buffalo and extend my best wishes for a productive and memorable session. I pray that your time at this 36th Annual Session be a blessed experience from start to finish.

Sincerely yours,

MARILYN J. SMITH  
Treasurer, City of Buffalo



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**PROGRESSIVE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, INC.**  
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*GREETINGS to everyone gathered to celebrate the Thirty-Sixth Annual Session of the Progressive National Baptist Convention convening in the City of Buffalo, New York, the state's second largest city.*

*The history of our great convention is fraught through with loyal and dedicated service of its pastors and members. We take much pride in the knowledge that the "founding fathers" left us a great legacy! A convention that believes in stewardship to effect its major objectives: education and missions. As a result of our willingness to give regularly and sacrificially of our finances and time and talents for Kingdom Work, I am confident that our positive image and influence will flourish.*

*May His Peace Be With You*

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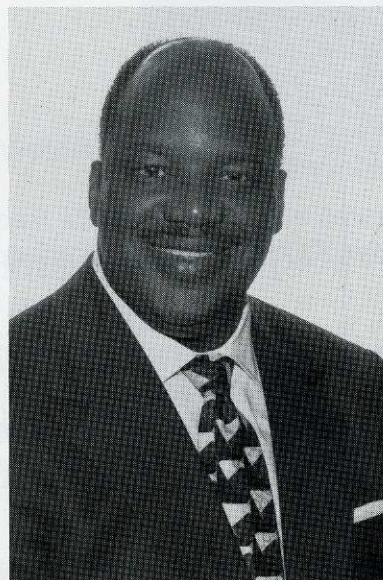
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STATE OF NEW YORK  
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**GEORGE E. PATAKI**  
GOVERNOR

Dear Dr. Smith:

It is a pleasure to send greetings to all in attendance at the 36th Annual Session of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. in Buffalo, August 3-9, 1997.

The Empire State is proud to be the home of religious institutions that preserve the traditions which strengthen us as individuals and as communities. An event such as yours draws its spirit from those of you who are devoted to the Progressive National Baptist Convention's mission. By promoting the teachings of the Gospel and by sharing a profound commitment to the ideals of fellowship, progress, service and peace, your deliberations are certain to provide meaningful inspiration and spiritual guidance for all participants.

Best wishes to all for a rewarding session and for continued success.

Very truly yours,

*George E. Pataki*



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## *SOUVENIR JOURNAL COMMITTEE*

*' WELCOME '*

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*'.....for thou shalt make thy way prosperous and then thou shalt have good success.  
Joshua 1:8c KJV*



Standing: Rynea Williams, Charisse R. Brown, Juanita Pearson, Janice D. Coble (Assistant Chairperson), Mary McNair  
Seated: Deacon Larry Williams, Deacon Robert Pearson (Chairman), Deacon Elmer Coble

*Now that you have arrived at our home, we open our arms wide enough to extend to you a welcome filled with warmth, with hearts big enough to impart to you great grace, with spirits focused enough to pray that God will bless both yours and our efforts as we study, convene and worship during this week of the 36th Annual Session of the Progressive National Baptist Convention.*

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# God's Call - The Church's Response



CITY OF BUFFALO  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

ANTHONY M. MASIELLO  
MAYOR

August, 1997

**Dear Friends:**

It has been more than 150 years since the French social scientist Alexis de Tocqueville recognized the true strength of the American democratic system of government when he wrote:

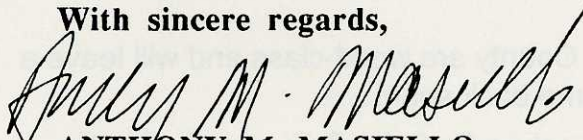
*"the strength of this new nation and its government is not found in its military might; nor is it to be found in the vast expanse of its agriculture, nor in its manufacturing genius; the strength of America is found in its churches, and among its most devout citizens."*

Those words are just as true today as they were when first written, and what is true about America is also true about Buffalo. Our strength as a city is found in our churches where God fearing people come together as communities of worship. That sense of community and common purpose is at the heart of our vitality and vibrance.

As you gather in Buffalo for the 1997 Progressive National Baptist Convention bring with you our respect, our admiration, and our continuing appreciation for what you are in your own communities and what you bring to Buffalo during your convention. We have long been known as "The City of Good Neighbors" and "Easy to Love." While you are in Buffalo, I hope you will take the opportunity to know why we're so proud of those designations. Enjoy the cuisine that is featured in the dozens of downtown restaurants, bask in the cool breezes off Lake Erie on our waterfront, marvel at the architectural heritage of our downtown and visit our museums, art galleries, theaters and other attractions. Relax and let Buffalo work its magic.

We are glad you chose Buffalo and we hope you enjoy your stay.

With sincere regards,

  
ANTHONY M. MASIELLO  
Mayor



# *God's Call - The Church's Response*



## County of Erie

**DENNIS T. GORSKI**  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

August 1997

PHONE: 716-858-8500

Dear Convention Participants:

It gives me great pleasure to welcome the participants in the Progressive National Baptist Convention taking place in Buffalo and Erie County, New York, August 3 - 10, 1997. Congratulations on the occasion of your organization's 36th Annual Session!

Conferences provide a wealth of opportunities for networking, comraderie and the sharing of new information. For individuals who have dedicated their lives in service to Christ and to others, these experiences strengthen both the organization and its participants. Conventions are also a good way to meet people, renew old acquaintances, and expand knowledge in an efficient manner, so important in the busy schedules we all lead these days.

But please, don't just pass through Erie County. I invite you to discover the old and the new woven into the tapestry of Erie County. I also invite you to discover our many diverse cultural attractions, authentic ethnic foods and restaurants, abundant recreational facilities and the revitalization of Buffalo's Waterfront -- all of which have placed Western New York on the map as one of the finest and most diverse communities in the country. As a matter of fact, Greater Buffalo was one of 10 cities across the U.S. to receive the designation, "All American City" this year. We are proud of this achievement and are eager to show our visitors the very best in hospitality.

You'll soon find that the people of Erie County are world-class and will leave a lasting impression on you. God bless and come back soon!

Sincerely,

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Dennis Gorski  
County Executive

DTG:df



# God's Call - The Church's Response

*Daniel Patrick Moynihan*  
*New York*



*United States Senate*  
*Washington, D. C.*

April 15, 1997

Dear Rev. Smith:

Allow me to extend my sincerest congratulations to the Progressive National Baptist Convention on its 36th Annual Session -- an auspicious milestone has been reached.

Through your accomplishments you have shown the citizens of this community the true meaning of caring. The Progressive National Baptist Convention are New Yorkers we can all be proud of and who we can strive to emulate.

Congratulations and the best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

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Daniel Patrick Moynihan

Rev. Dr. Bennet W. Smith Sr., President  
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Rev. Dr. Bennett W. Smith, Sr.  
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Dear Dr. Smith

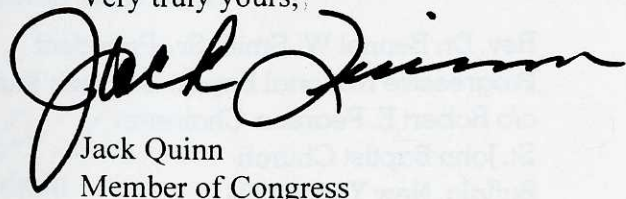
I wanted to take this opportunity to congratulate all of the outstanding men and women attending the 36th annual session of The Progressive National Baptist Convention.

The exceptional history of creative leadership that includes people like the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the late Dr. Kelly Miller Smith, and Dr. Gardner C. Taylor, is truly one of the most distinguishing features of The Progressive National Baptist Convention.

You continue to unselfishly give so much to others through Civil Rights Advocacy and Activism, financial contributions to organizations like the N.A.A.C.P., The Urban League, and Operation PUSH, and to numerous educational institutions across America, and for this I commend you.

Once again, I want to congratulate all of those in attendance at this year's convention, and extend my warmest regards for continued success in service.

Very truly yours,

  
Jack Quinn  
Member of Congress

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STATE OF NEW YORK  
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H. CARL MCCALL  
STATE COMPTROLLER

August 1997

The Reverend Dr. Bennett W. Smith, Sr.  
President, Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc.  
601 50th Street NE  
Washington, DC 20019

Dear Rev. Smith:

Congratulations to you and the members of the Progressive National Baptist Convention as you celebrate your 36th Annual Session.

Under your leadership, PNBC continues the struggle for Black economic empowerment and development, and equal educational opportunities. I commend you for your outstanding contributions to organizations, such as the Urban League, and NAACP, as well as universities, like Shaw and Virginia Union.

PNBC is a vital part of our community, so I extend my best wishes for continued success!

With best regards,

Sincerely,

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H. Carl McCall  
State Comptroller

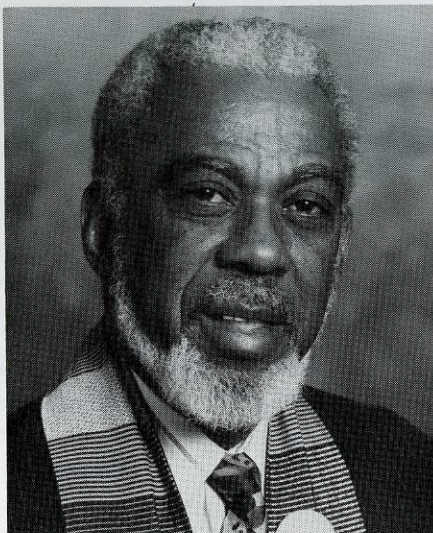


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August 4-9, 1997

*Dear Brothers & Sisters In Christ:*

*Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is an honor to send my personal greetings to the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. Congratulations as you host your Thirty-Sixth Annual Session in Buffalo, New York where under the religious leadership and direction of your President, Rev. Dr. Bennet W. Smith, St. John Baptist Church has now in progress, a full-time Christian day school, the first in the City of Buffalo.*

*I applaud the vital contributions of your organization, as it's membership of two and one-half million continue to supply us with a "lifetime of fruitful services to humanity". Over the past 36 years you have continued to produce new generations of Progressive Baptists who continue the struggle in such areas as full voter registration, education, affirmative action against all forms of racism and bigotry, and the realization of universal human rights and complete human liberation.*

*May the Lord increase your zeal in action for Him as you increase in knowledge of Him.*

*Yours In Christ,*

*Deputy Speaker & Mrs. Arthur O. Eve  
Family and Staff*

*"And let us not be weary in well doing: for  
in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."*

*Galatians 6:9*



# God's Call - The Church's Response



June 17, 1997

Dear Doctor Smith:

Congratulations and best wishes on the occasion of the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Progressive National Baptist Convention on August 3-10, 1997. I extend a warm welcome to all the delegates who will come to Buffalo to share in the great work of this Convention.

It is my sincere hope that your time together may be a time of true fellowship and encouragement truly blessed by the Lord. May it be a time to experience the wonderful hospitality of the people of this great city and the greater community of Western New York.

Be assured of my prayers and best wishes for a successful convention.

Sincerely,

*+ Henry J. Mansell*

Most Rev. Henry J. Mansell  
Bishop of Buffalo

Rev. Dr. Bennett W. Smith Sr., President  
Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc.  
St. John the Baptist Church  
184 Goodell Street  
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## God's Call - The Church's Response



*Congratulations are in order for Rev. Dr. B. W. Smith, Sr., our Progressive National Baptist Convention President's oldest and firstborn daughter, Evangelist Terette Goggins, who just received her Bachelors of Theology with Honors, and her accredited Ordination in World-wide, International Pastoring, from Vision Bible College and Seminary in Montpelier, Ohio, on June 21, 1997. She will go on to receive her Master's in Christian Education, which is her field of study. Evangelist Terette Goggins Co-Pastors with her husband, Rev. Douglas Goggins, Jr., at C.O.G. Worship and Praise Tabernacle, 82-1/2 Edison Ave., Buffalo, NY. 14215, 716-897-3450. Again, we say "Congratulations" to our President's oldest daughter.*



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Associate Pastor





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## THE ORIGIN OF THE PROGRESSIVE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION

*The Progressive National Baptist Convention is largely an outgrowth of dissatisfaction over "TENURE" and the office of Executive Secretary in the National Baptist Convention, Inc. The meeting which culminated in a new organization, was called at Cincinnati, after several previous meetings had been held by outstanding ministers in the National Baptist Convention, Inc. over a period of years.*

*The first of these meetings was held in St. Louis, MO., in the Washington Avenue Tabernacle Church of which Dr. John E. Nance is pastor. At this meeting, several prominent ministers met for the purpose of bringing about a solution to the problems that were confronting our Convention at the time. We pledged ourselves to work within the framework of our Convention without any suggestion of withdrawing ourselves from the Convention. We only expressed ourselves as to how we felt about the existing conditions of the Convention. Expressions were made and published about this meeting which created much dissatisfaction in the Convention's official ranks. Instead of the meeting improving conditions, greater opposition became apparent.*

*The following meetings of the National Baptist Convention, Inc. were destined to widen the breach. In Denver, Colorado, we spent a whole session seeking to prevent the election of officers by vote of state delegations. The following year in 1957, when we convened at Louisville, KY, a chair throwing session brought great disgrace to our Baptist Family. The two succeeding sessions marked a repeat in Baptist confusion in both Philadelphia, PA and Kansas City. By this time more than 50% of the convention had pledged itself to support Dr. Gardner C. Taylor, distinguished pastor from Brooklyn, NY as President. Dr. Taylor was defeated after a decision which resulted to the advantage of his opponent, Dr. J.H. Jackson.*

*The Reverend L. V. Booth of Zion Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, left the convention at Kansas City, MO, determined to call a meeting and allow the opposition to make a clear choice between tyranny and freedom, and confusion and peace. Before many of the messengers had reached their homes, a letter went out calling for all interested in Peace, Fellowship and Progress to attend a meeting in November. This was followed by a second letter in October, urging fellow pastors to come to Cincinnati. His invitation met with opposition from some of the strongest pastors in the nation. Among these were men who were trusted, revered and respected. Very few could see then the wisdom and divine inspiration and unselfishness of his call.*

*The Cincinnati Meeting drew representatives from 14 States with a total of 33 delegates. After a formal opening, it was decided that Dr. J. Raymond Henderson, of Los Angeles, California, would preside over the business session. Dr. Henderson requested that we withdraw from the Sanctuary of Zion Baptist Church to its Chapel where only registered messengers would participate. This request was unanimously accepted. After serious deliberations, two spokesmen were allowed to close the discussion. Dr. Marvin T. Robinson, of Pasadena, California, spoke against organizing at this time, and Rev. L. V. Booth of Cincinnati, Ohio, spoke for organizing. When the vote was taken by ballot and counted the group to organize had won by "one" vote. Every member, every church and convention that registered in the Cincinnati Meeting were committed to "Tenure".*

*Dr. J. Carl Mitchell*



# God's Call - The Church's Response

NATIONAL NEWS RELEASE - SEPTEMBER 11, 1961

*A volunteer committee for the Formation of a New National Baptist Convention announces this week through its Chairman, Rev L.V. Booth, pastor of Zion Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, that a meeting will be held November 14 and 15, 1961, at Zion Baptist Church, 630 Glenwood Avenue, Cincinnati 29, Ohio.*

*The two-day session will be devoted to discussion of How to Build a Democratic Convention Dedicated to Christian Objectives.*

*The keynote speaker will be Dr. William H. Borders, Pastor of Wheat Street Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Borders is one of the ten outstanding pastors expelled from the National Baptist Convention, Inc., following its notorious session in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1957, when President Joseph H. Jackson ruled Tenure unconstitutional. There has been great dissatisfaction since.*

*All freedom-loving, independent and peace-loving Baptists are invited. Those who do not wish to form a new convention are requested not to attend.*

*Both men and women are invited. Persons who are interested in attending this meeting are urged to write in for reservations to Rev. L.V. Booth at the above address and indicate whether a Hotel or Home is desired. This movement is in no way connected with the past effort of "The Taylor Team". It is an entirely new movement under new leadership. Persons who are concerned with redeeming the Baptist initiative and restoring a democratic thrust are invited.*

*Editor's Note: This is the announcement that rocked the nation. Leaders on both sides of the fence were skeptical and afraid of this new venture. It was fought with great vigor by the greatest leaders of our time.*

*The Call Letter... Zion Baptist Church  
639 Glenwood Avenue, Cincinnati 29, Ohio  
L. Venchael Booth, Minister*

*September 22, 1961*

*DEAR BROTHER PASTOR:*

*Our National Baptist Convention has reached an all-time low in fellowship, peace, and Christian dignity. We have completely lost our freedom to worship, participate and grow in the kingdom work as it is expressed in the Convention. We can no longer trust the integrity of its leadership.*

*The time has come for freedom-loving, independent, and peace-loving Christians to unite in a fellowship that they can trust.*

*Why are we so afraid of building a new Convention? We act as though it is a terrible sin. Organizations exist to unite persons of similar interest in multiplied strength. There is nothing on earth to keep us from working toward worthy objectives and lofty goals.*

*It is to this sacred call that you are invited to attend a Special Meeting for the formation of a new Convention on November 14 and 15 at Zion Baptist Church, 630 Glenwood Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio. Kindly respond quickly if possible.*

*Yours in Christian Fellowship  
L. VENCHAE BOOTH*



# God's Call - The Church's Response

## THE PROGRESSIVE CONCEPT

*Someone has said wisely that when God has a job to be done he always gives the contract to one of faith. The Progressive Concept is basically an idea and movement to one of faith. Faith understood by only a few people, was deeply imbedded in the hearts of the less than fifty persons who gathered at Zion Baptist Church in Cincinnati, Ohio, in November, 1961, and started the movement which is now the Progressive Baptist Convention.*

*The onward march of time, the historical forwardness and the continuous renewal in time and history of God's revelations, cause the sensitive and alert souls to shake off the old forms and welcome new opportunities and new avenues of Christian service. The first motivation struck fire in 1961, was fanned in 1962, came to blaze in 1963, began to burn seriously in 1964.*

*The early Christian Church faced a hostile community but inside the church was a spirit that kept her alive and caused her to overcome all oppositions. This spirit can be summed up in the word FELLOWSHIP. It was more than common interest - it was more a type of comradeship. It was koinonia-fellowship in love and concern. Those of us who follow the gleam of the Progressive Concept are happy to be free to participate in a true Christian fellowship. The wholesomeness of this interchange will continue to develop a convention that is at heart Christian.*

*Inherent in the Progressive Concept is PROGRESS. We are going somewhere in the Progressive National Convention. We are done with the "cult of personalities". We are through with "play prayers" and "circus sermons". True worship has meaning for us. Orderly sessions mark our business deliberations. Tenure in office is our way of life. And, a unified budget determines our expenditures. We are on our way in developing a valid and responsible convention. PROGRESS is our theme word.*

*PEACE is inherent in the Progressive Concept. By peace we do not mean docile inarticulation. We do not mean everyone agrees with every other one. But we mean that we dwell together as brothers and sisters, that we can differ without confusion and that we can pool points of view and reach compromise based on principle. Our PEACE is not a soft, flabby one, but rather a virile, positive and creative force.*

*The Progressive Concept...FELLOWSHIP, PROGRESS, PEACE. We will keep these before us and go forward. We welcome all Baptists who want to travel this road of valid responsibility.*

*Thomas Kilgore, Jr.*

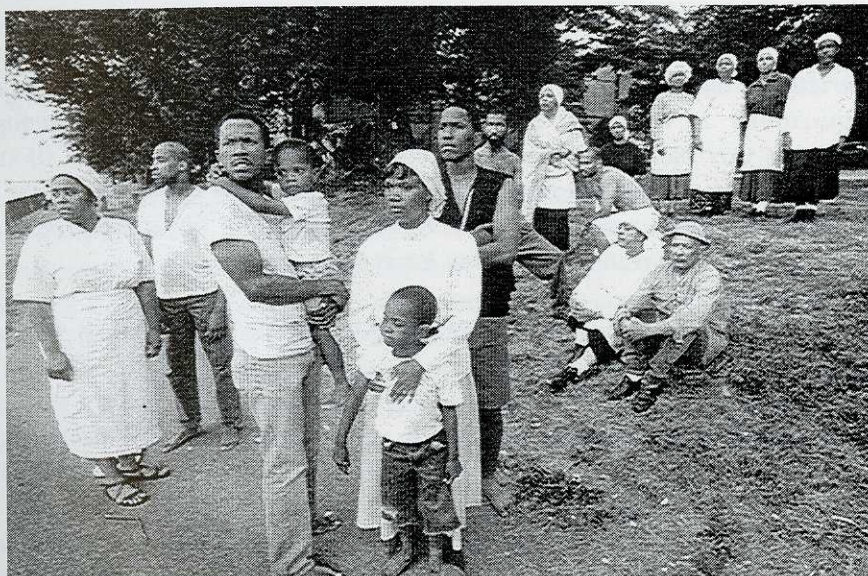


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## Buffalo Quarters Historical Society

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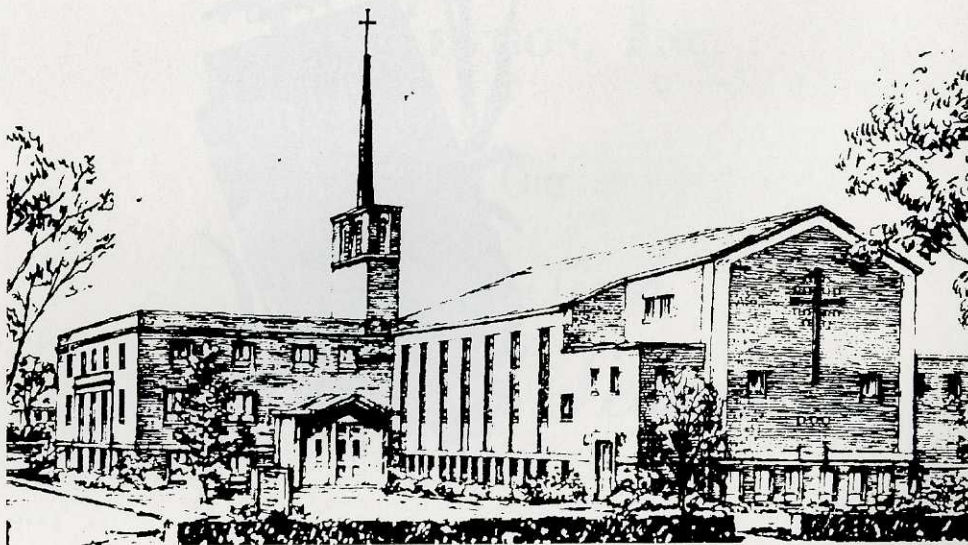
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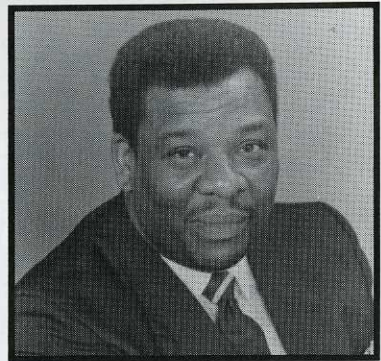


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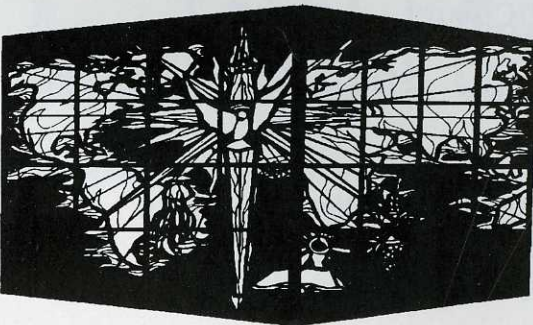
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**"DO SOMETHING TO GLORIFY THE FATHER"**

**"BUT WILL THOU KNOW, O VAIN MAN, THAT**

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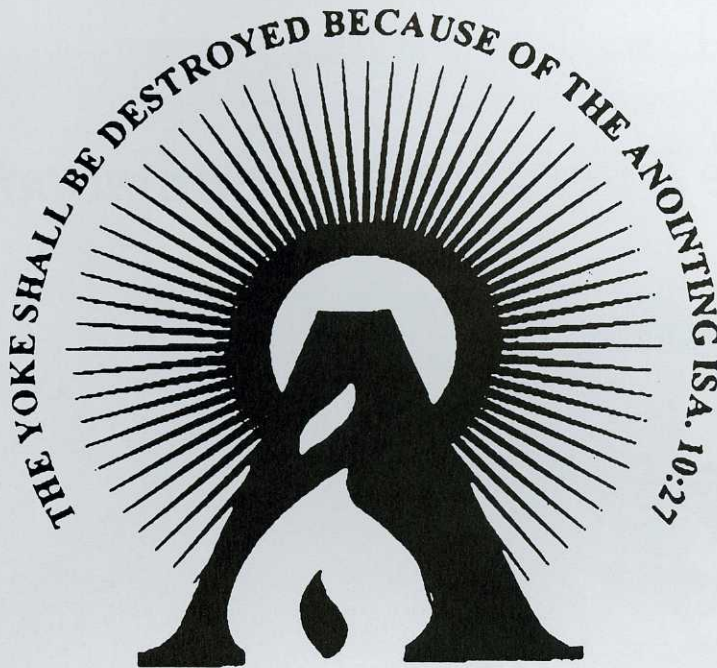


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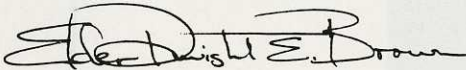
Trustee Harmon Thomas  
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Sister Sharrell Billups  
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Holy Greetings to President B. W. Smith, and a sainted welcome to all of the delegates of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. from the Mt. Ararat Baptist Church.

May the Peace of the Lord, and the anointing of the Holy Spirit rest upon you throughout the Convention.

In His Service,



Elder Dwight E. Brown  
Pastor



### Schedule of Services:

**\* Monday - Friday**

Daily Prayer at 6:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

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5:00 p.m. New Converts Class

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Our First Lady, Sis. Renee Brown

6:00 p.m. Men's Class instructed by Pastor Brown

7:00 p.m. Prayer Service

7:30 p.m. Adult Bible Class

Young People's Bible Class

**\* Friday Night Deliverance Services at 7:00 p.m.**

**\* Saturday Morning Prayer at 8:00 a.m.**

**\* Sunday Morning Worship Services at 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**

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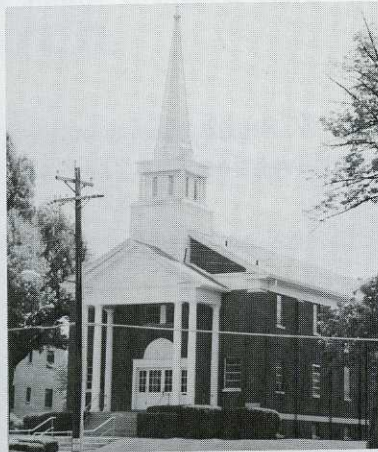
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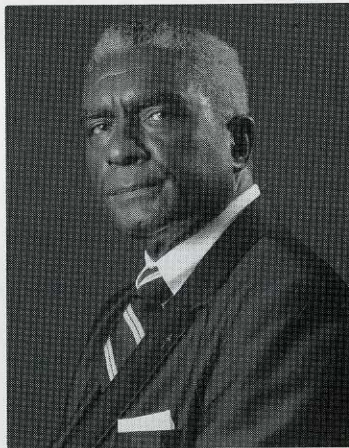
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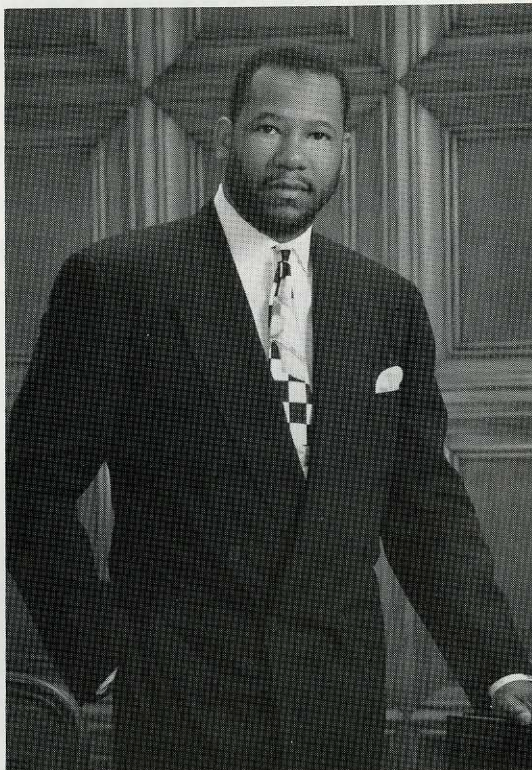
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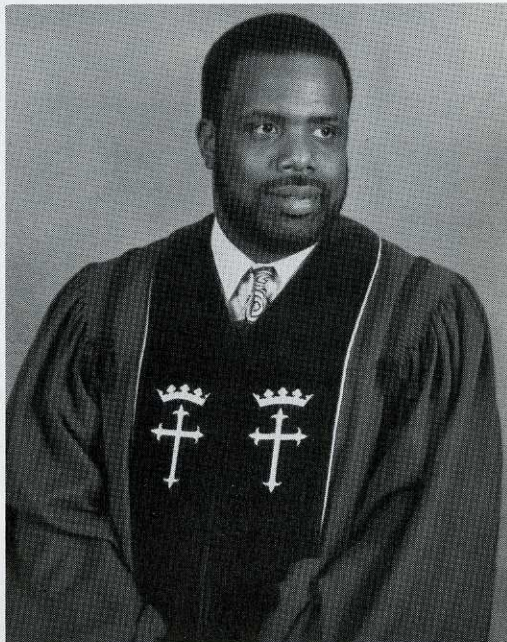
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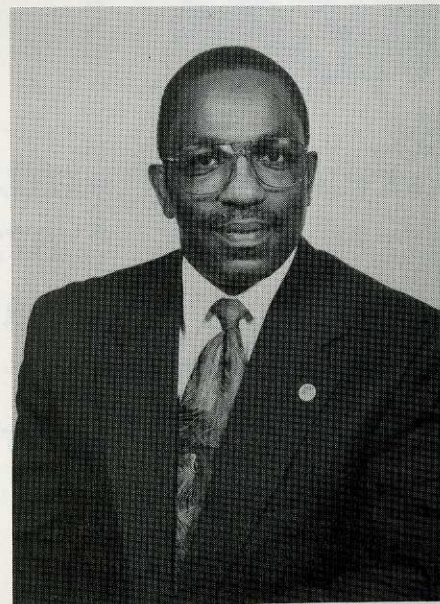


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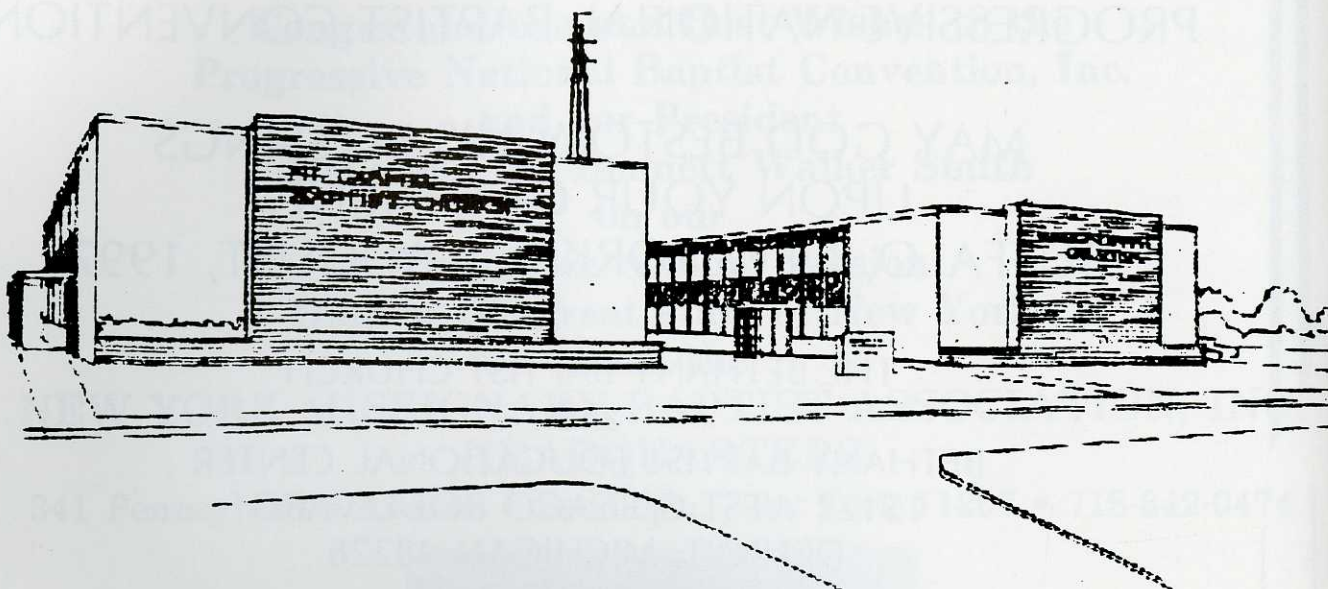
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We of the Holy Cross Baptist Church who are members of the Progressive National Baptist Convention want to thank and praise God for the splendid work and the tremendous achievements that our Presidents and members of every ministry of the organization has accomplished over the years.

And the goals and the attainments that our present President has set for us as a Convention and the fore sight that he has shown to lead us to greater vistas.

We are proud to be members of the Progressive National Baptist Convention and will continue to work to help our President achieve and accomplish the task that is set before us. Again we will triumph in Christ Jesus.

"We are more than conquerors on the battlefield of life and  
we will do all things in Christ who will strength us."

From the  
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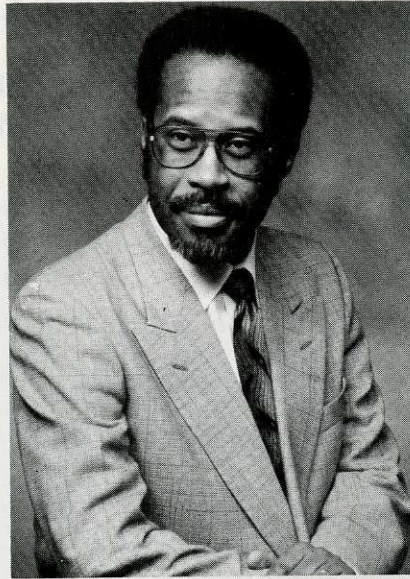
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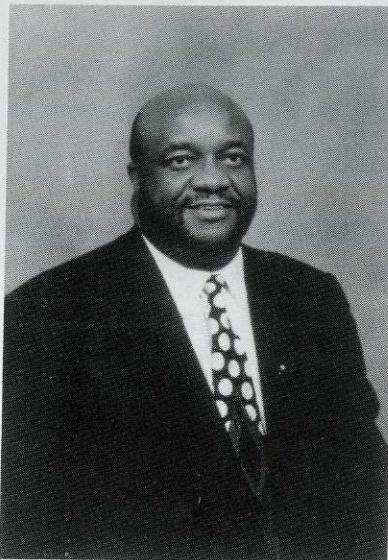


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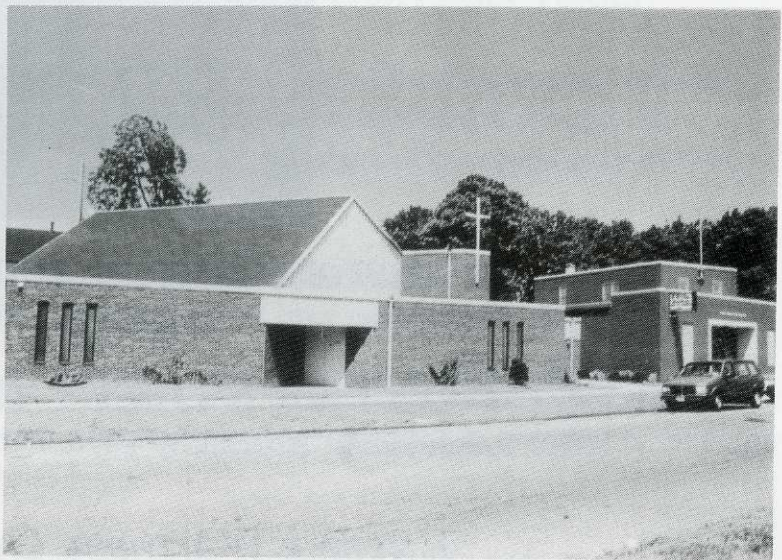
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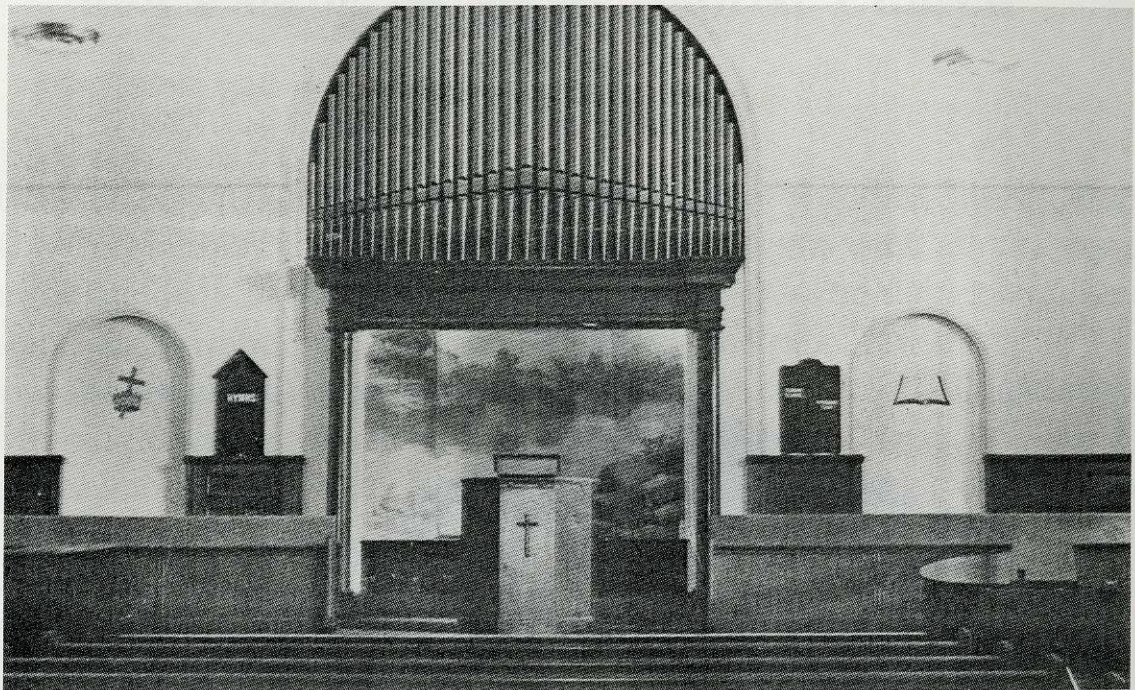


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**WELCOME TO BUFFALO!** The Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Family joins the Community in welcoming you to our hearts with all the warmth and fervor accorded to the homecoming of our sons and daughters, among whom you are numbered by adoption during the next few days. We hope that your meetings will be so marked with success that you will immediately begin making plans for a return visit to Buffalo, New York. It is our hope that your deliberations may be fruitful, of good to all of the peoples represented and that lasting friendships may here be cemented. We greet you not as strangers, not as mere acquaintances, but as friends in Christ.

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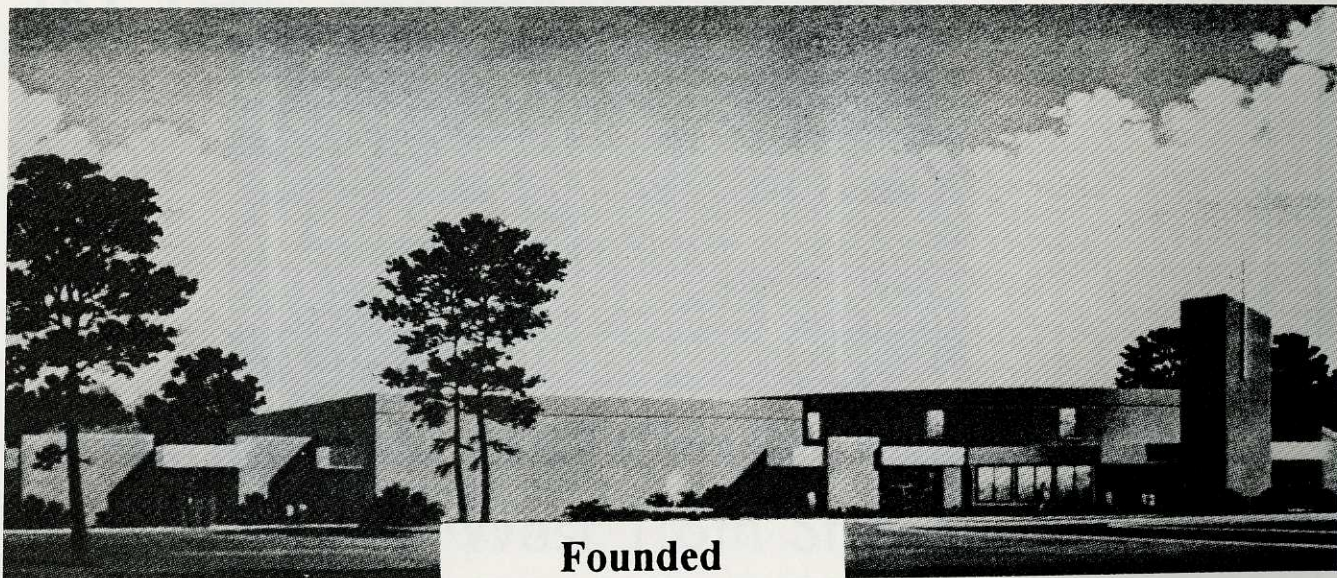
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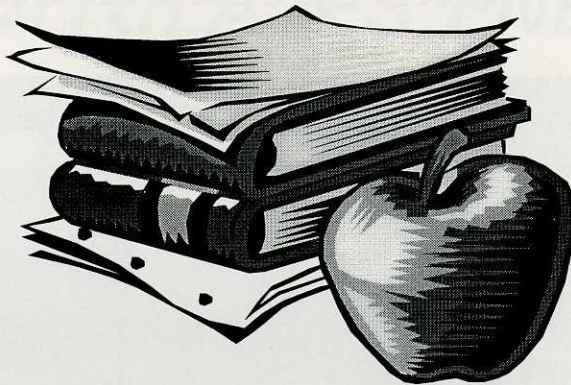
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*Project Promise, an afterschool academic and cultural enrichment program, is designed to provide academic assistance to a minimum of fifty children at St. John Christian Academy, McCarley Gardens, Inc., and those residing in the Fruit Belt area of Buffalo, New York. Children between the ages of 7 years old - 13 years old are eligible for the Program. Each student will be given an opportunity to enhance their abilities in one or more of the following areas: History, Reading, Math, Science, Music, Drama and Test Taking. At least ten (10) students will be provided an opportunity to develop their music ability through an Incentive Music Program focusing on Wind/String Instruments.*

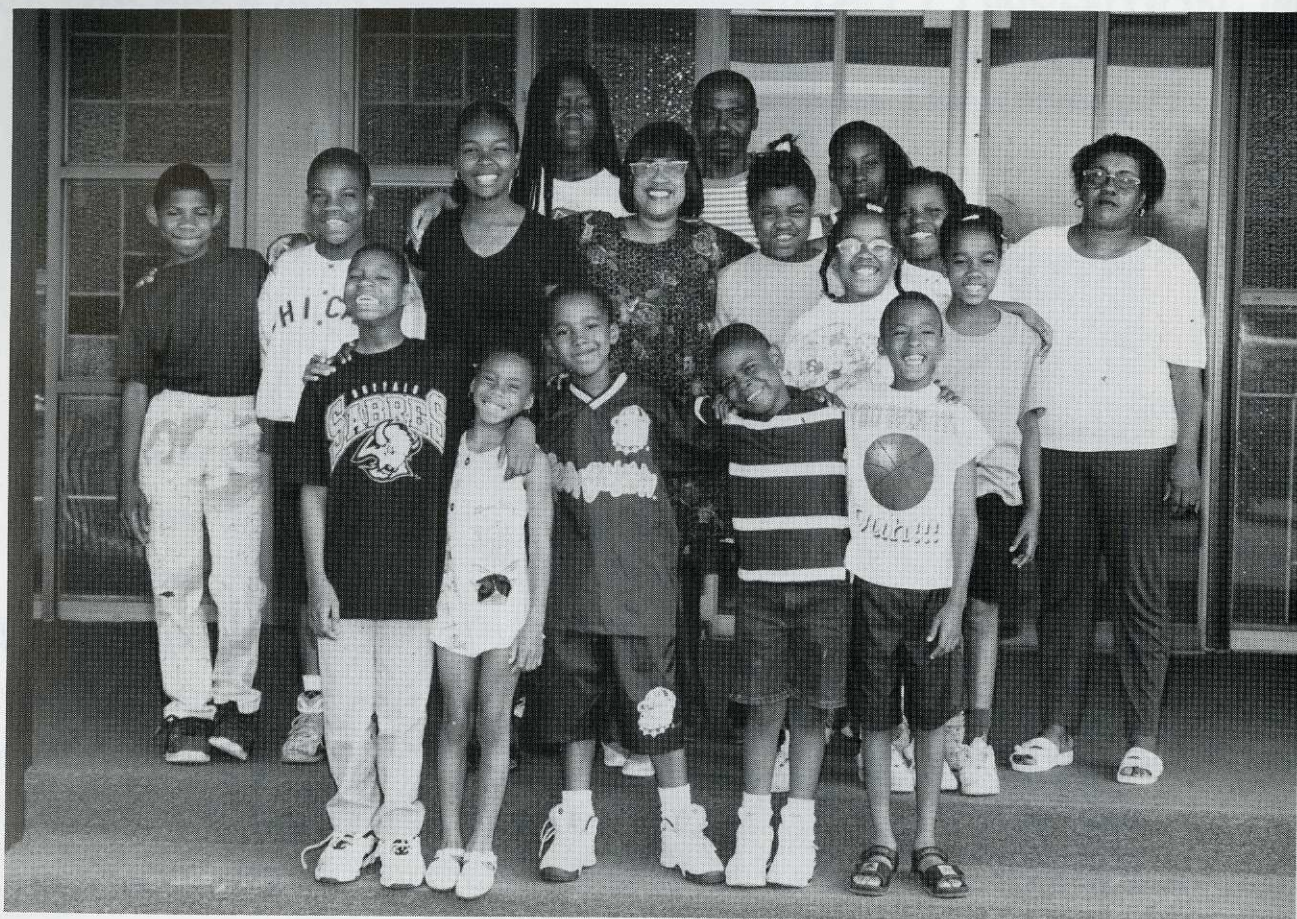
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**"...Show I Unto you A MORE EXCELLENT WAY"  
(I Corinthian 12: 31)**





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*Matthew 5:16 KJV*

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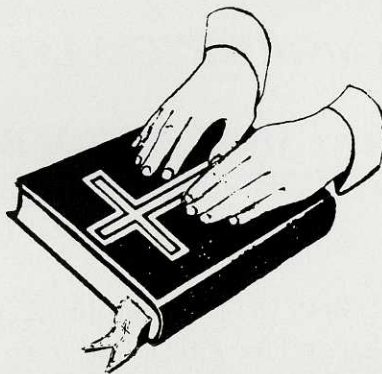
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*"Likewise must the deacons be grave, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience." - 1 Timothy 3:8-9 KJV*

*"Endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bound of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. But onto everyone of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ." - Ephesians 4:3-7 KJV*



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***God's Richest Blessings***

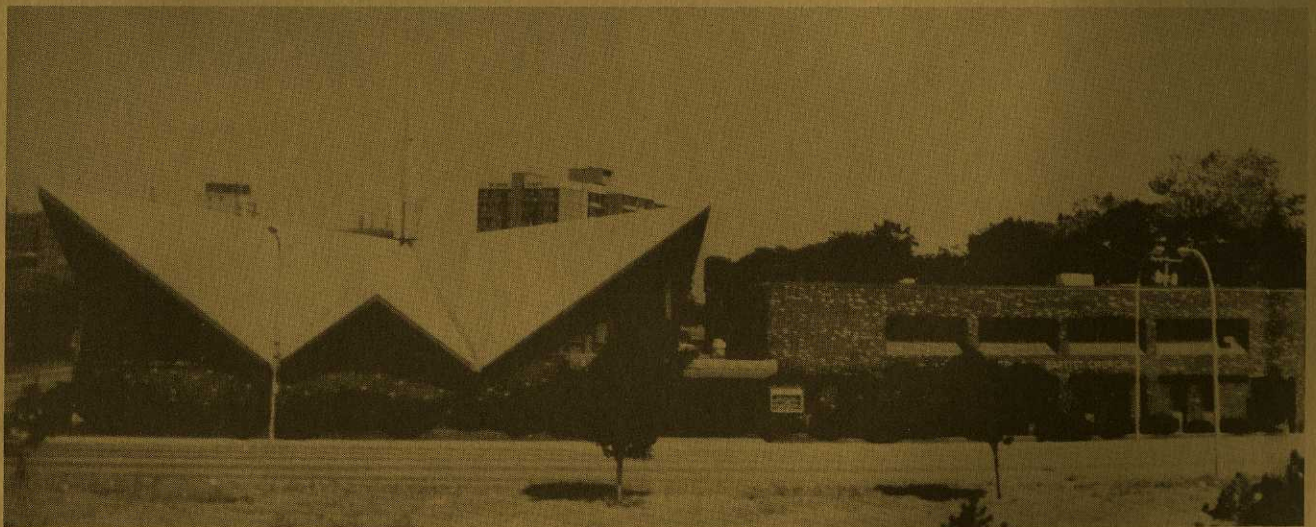
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*"If It Had Not Been For The Lord On Our Side, Where Would We Be?"*



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*"These were more noble in Berea to receive  
the Word and Study the Scriptures." Acts 17:10,11*

*Grace and Peace!*

***Greetings and God's Blessings for a successful  
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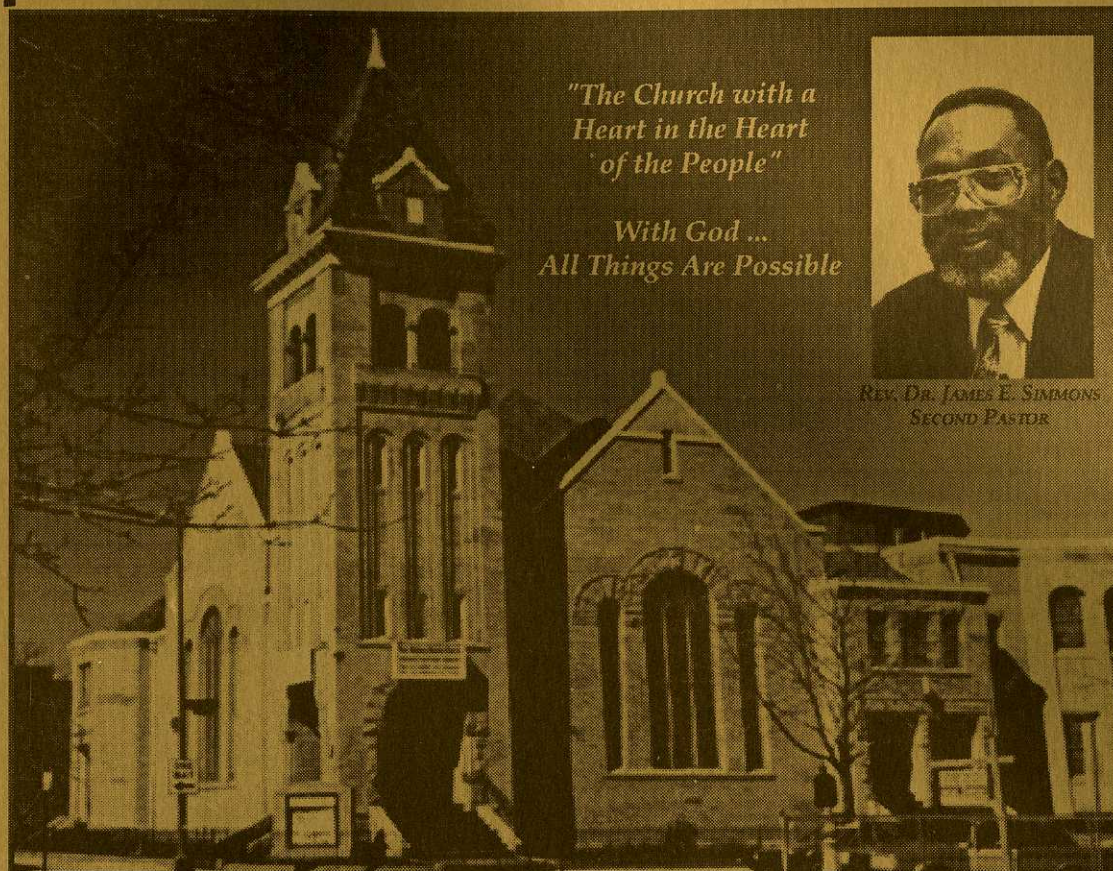
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Mid-Week Day Service - Wednesdays  
Prayer Service & Family Night - Wednesdays  
Bible Class - Wednesdays  
Holy Communion

8:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.  
9:30 A.M.  
12:00 P.M.  
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8:00 P.M.

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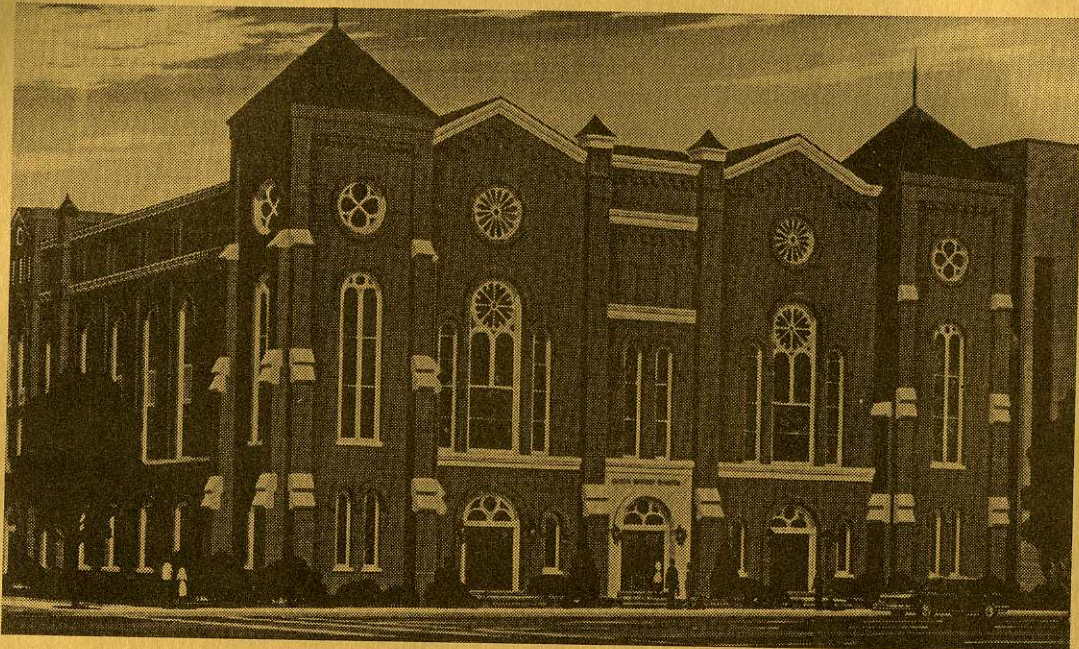
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**on the Occasion of our 36th Annual Session  
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Make Known His Deeds Among the People. Psalm 105:1



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*May God's Blessings fall upon ....*



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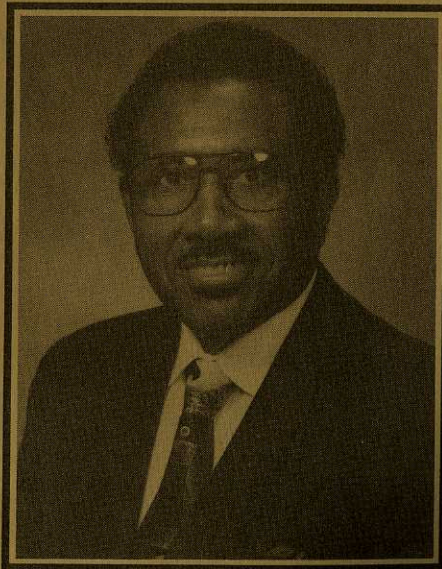
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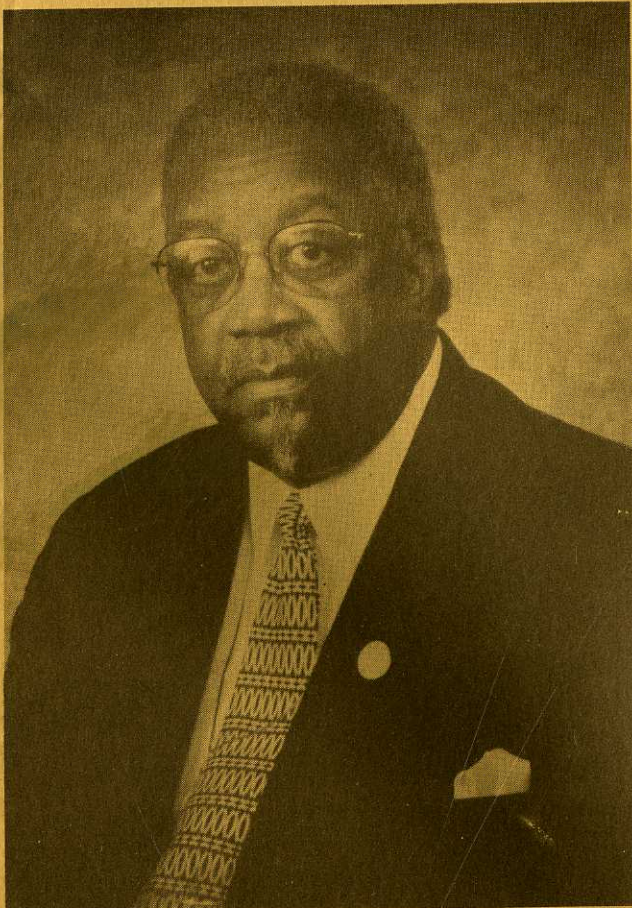
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May the Lord keep our President, Dr. Bennett W. Smith, and his official staff, along with the General Secretary, Dr. Tyrone Pitts, in the hollow of His hands.

As we meet, may the Spirit of the Lord fall on us with the anointing that causes each delegate to become committed to the missions set before us by the Word and direction of the Convention.

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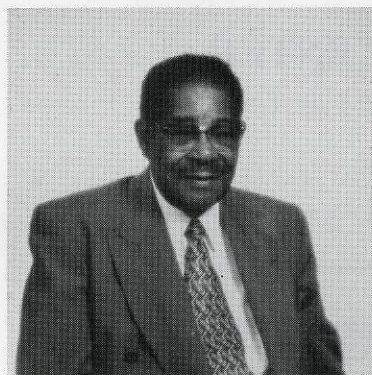
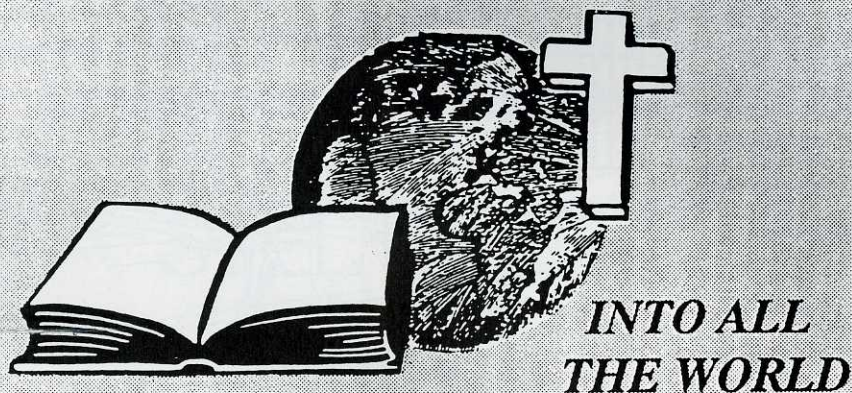
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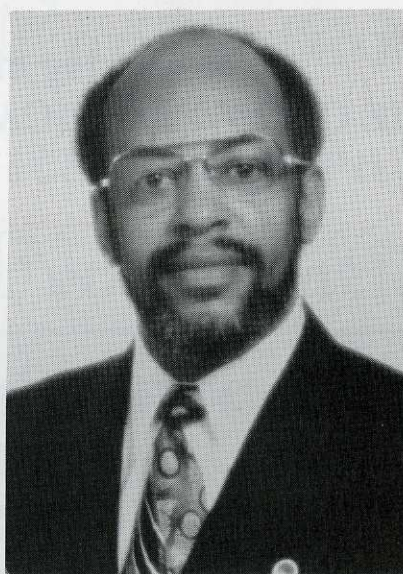
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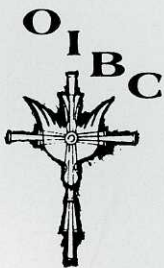
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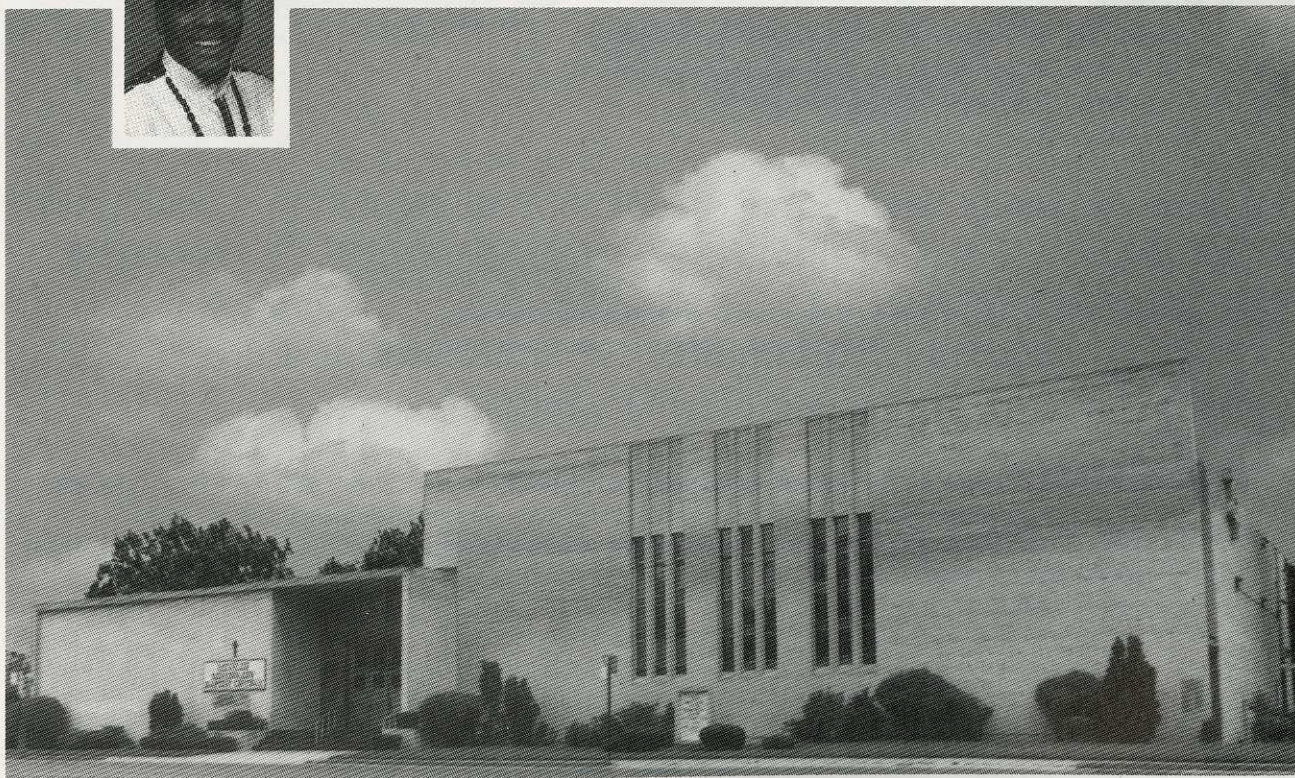
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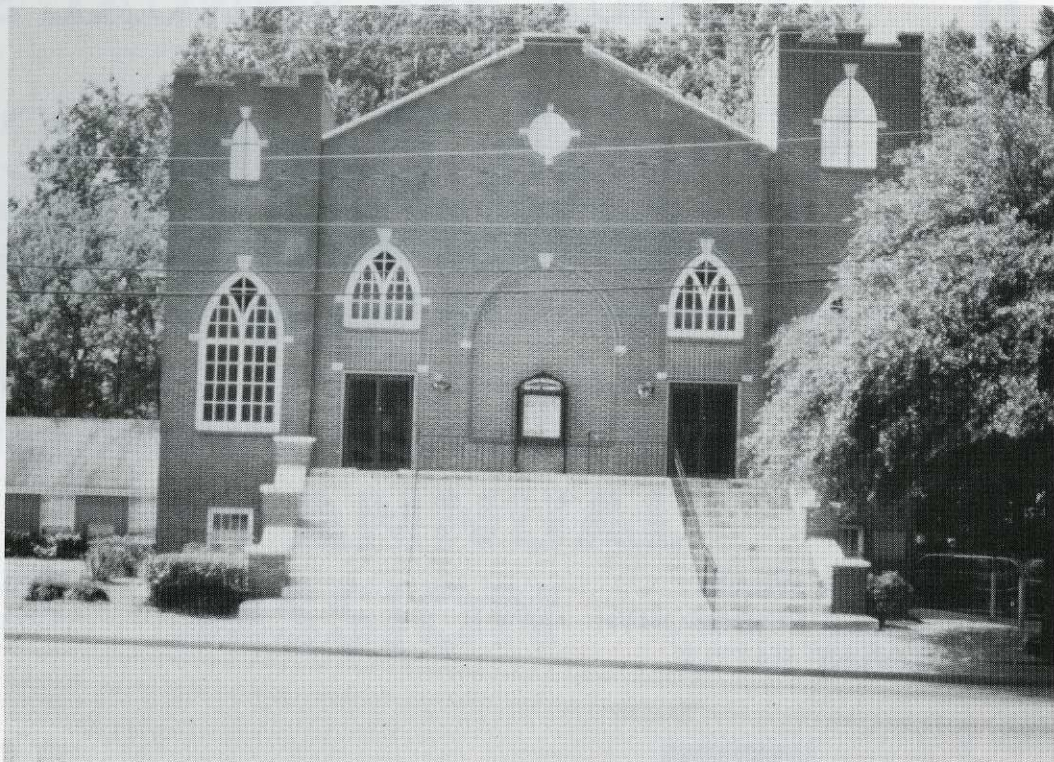


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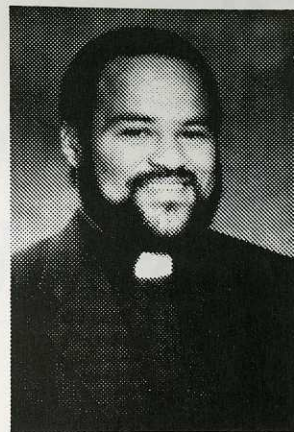
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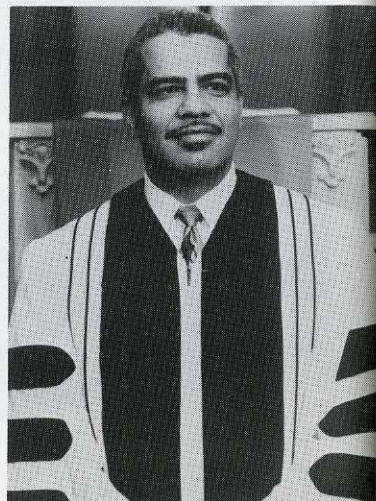


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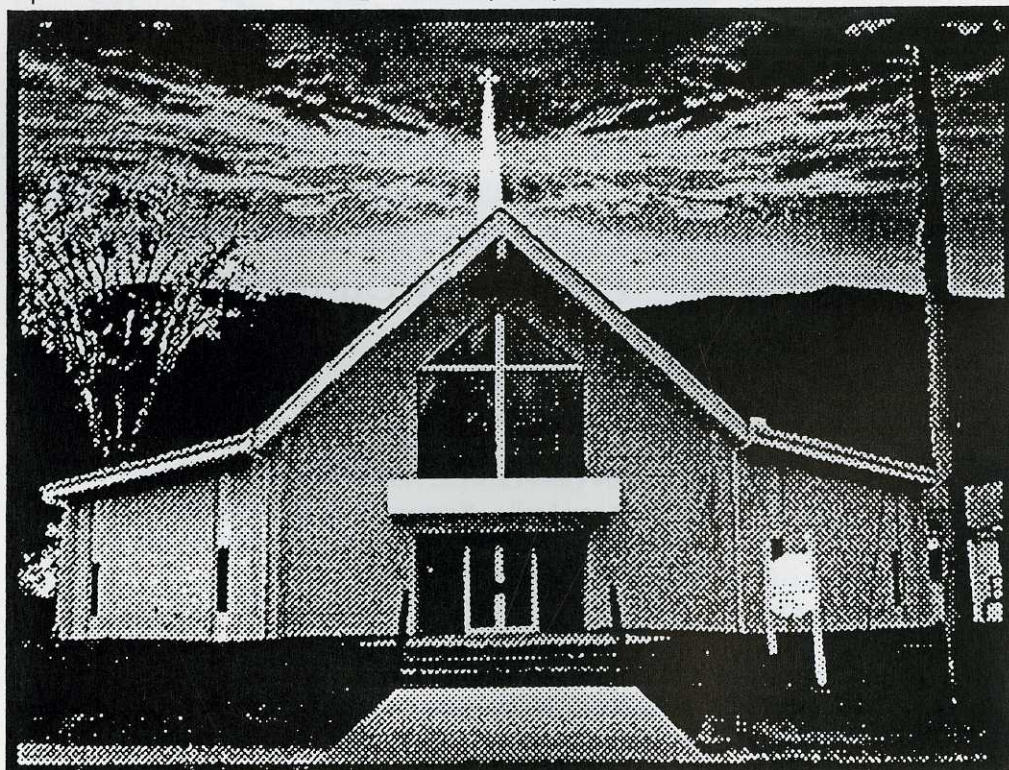
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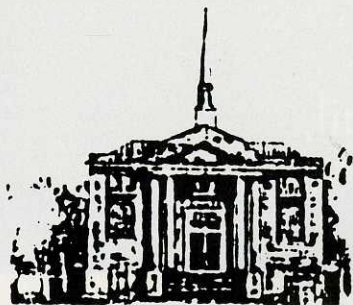


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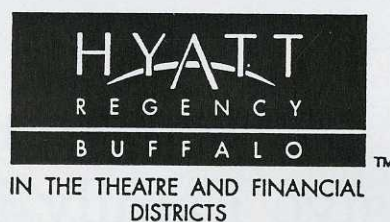
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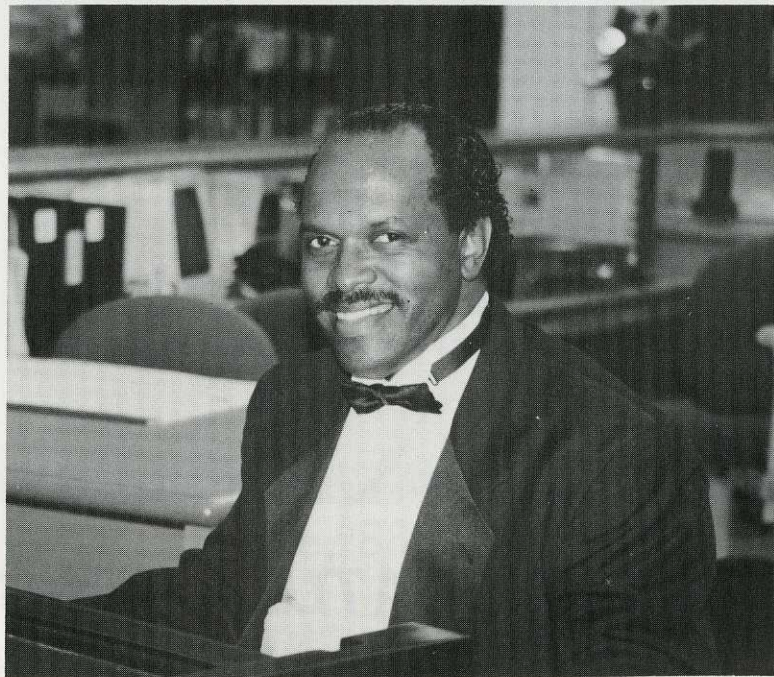
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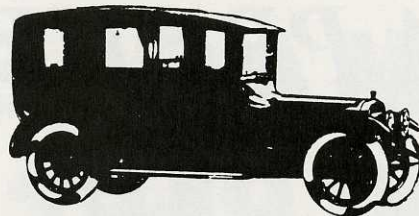


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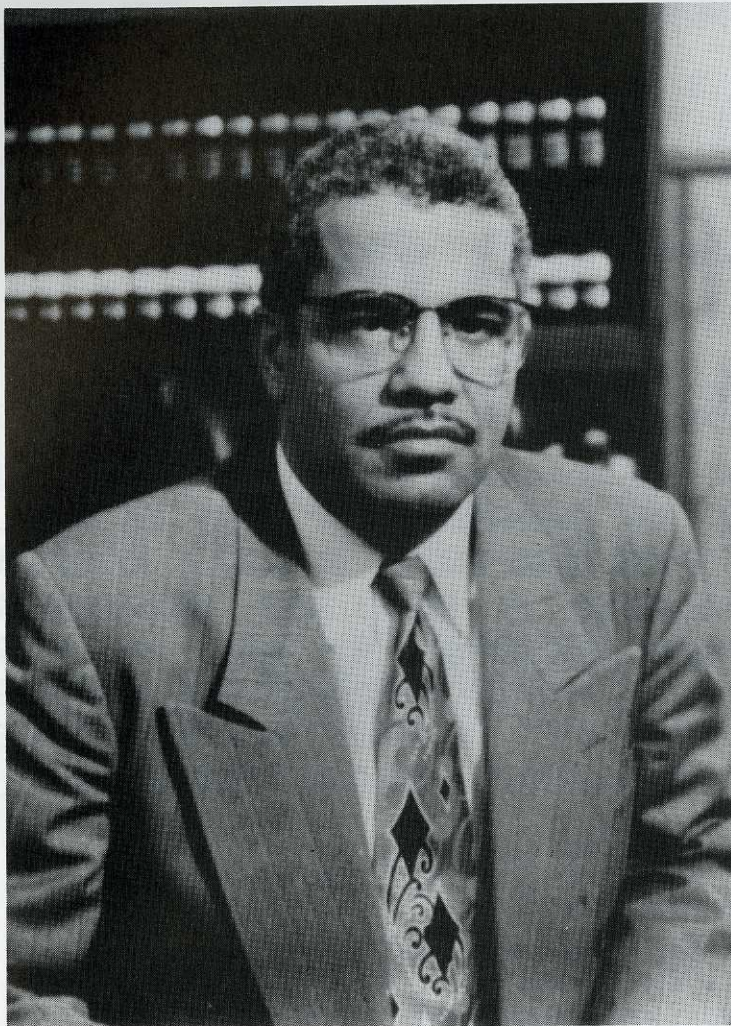
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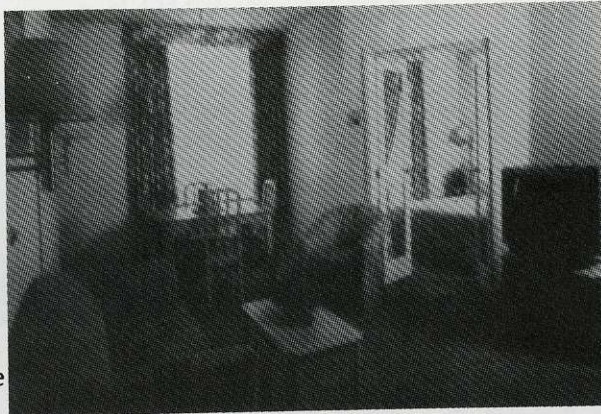


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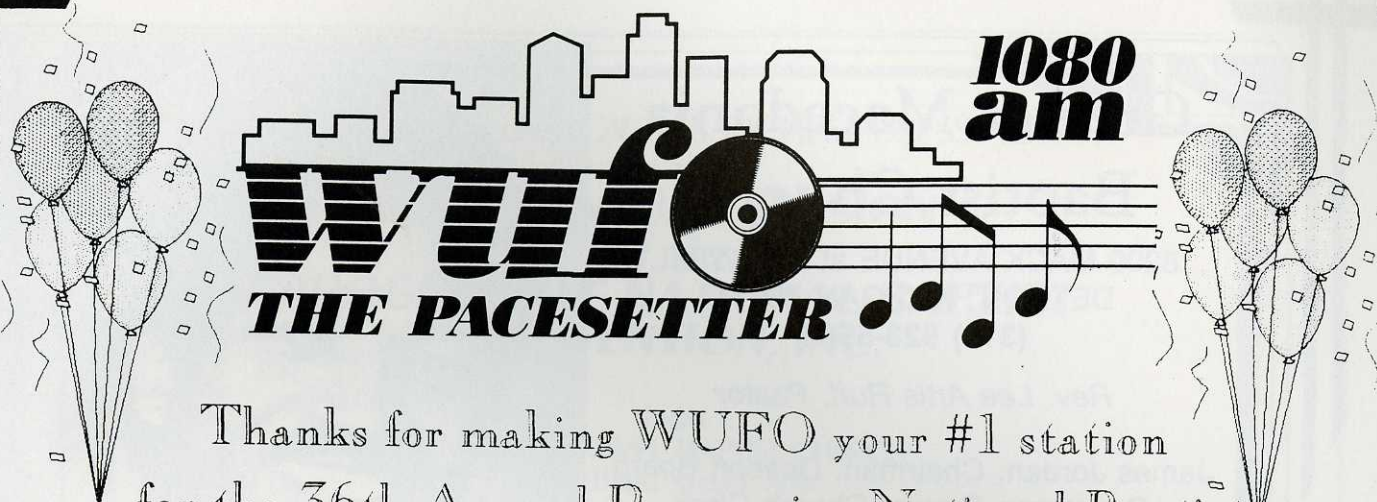
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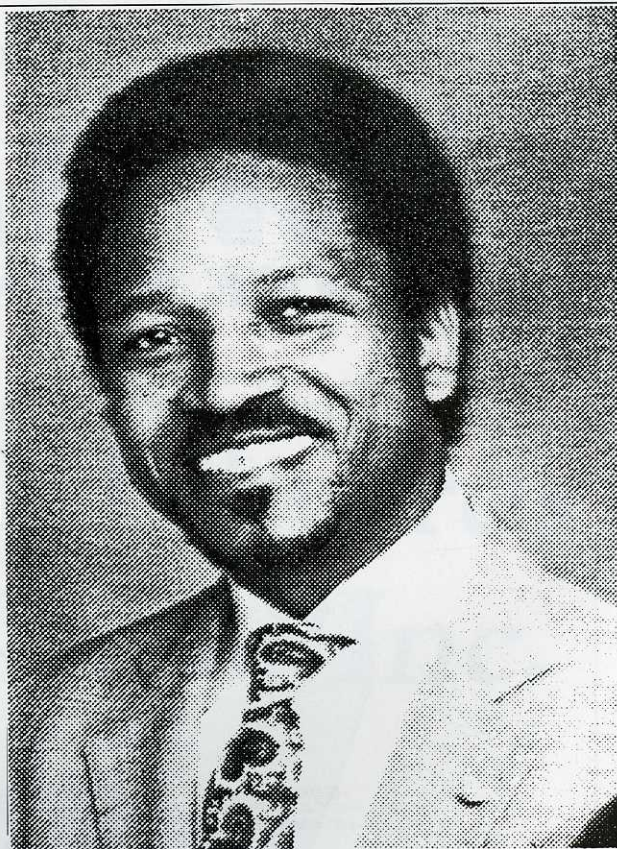
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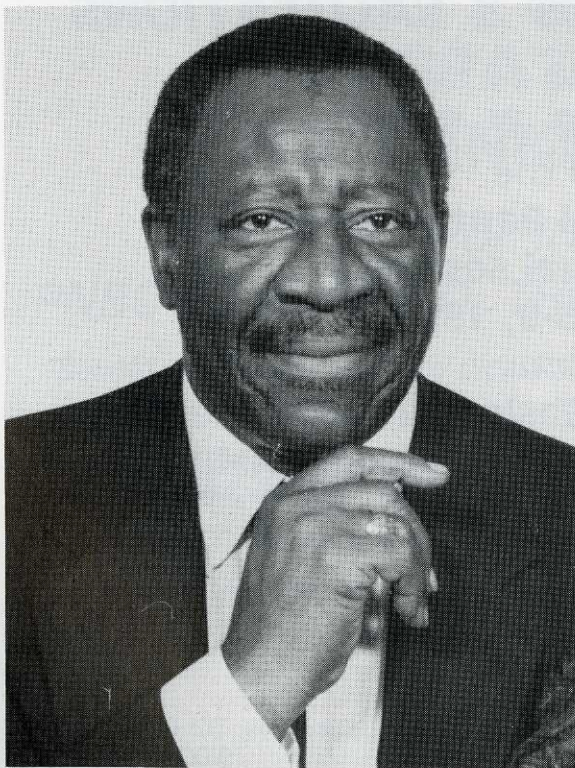
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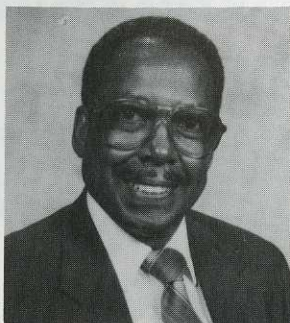
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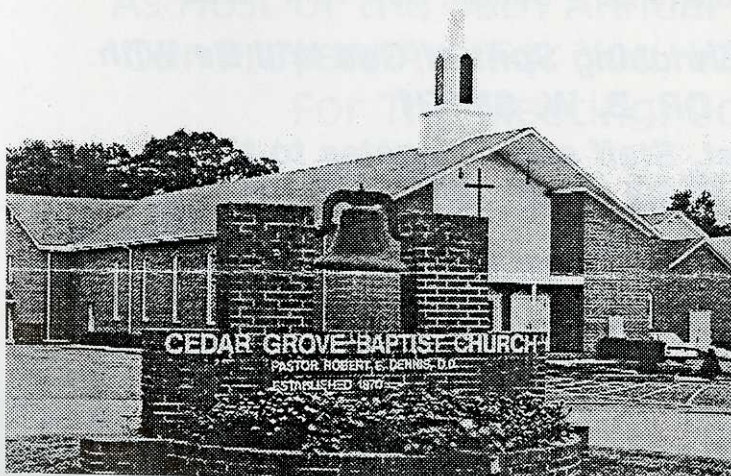
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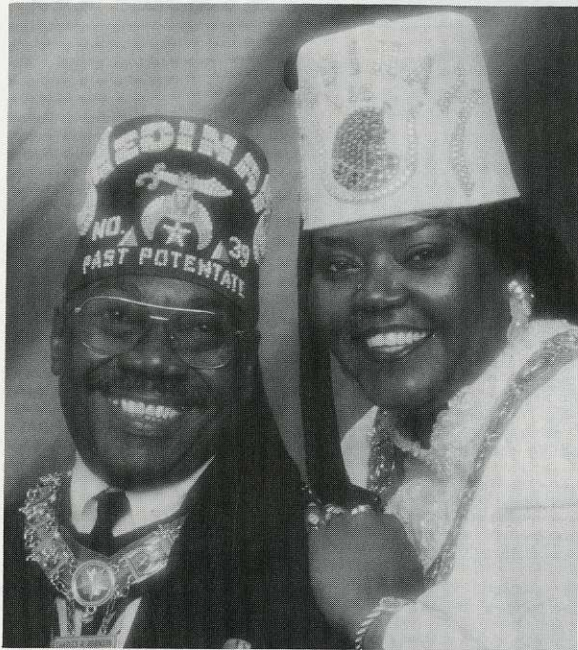
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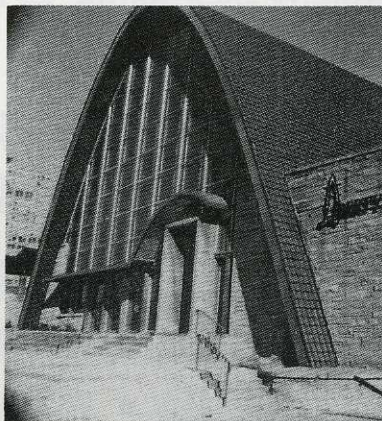
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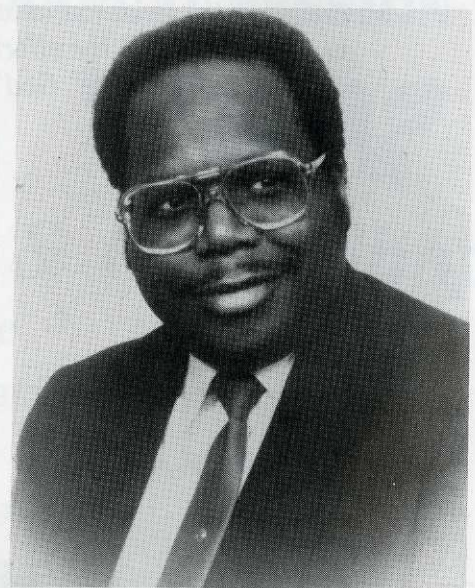
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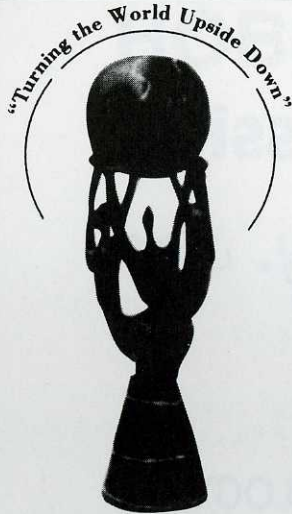
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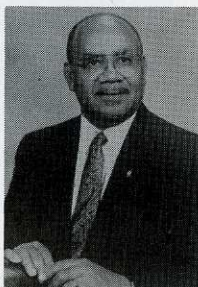
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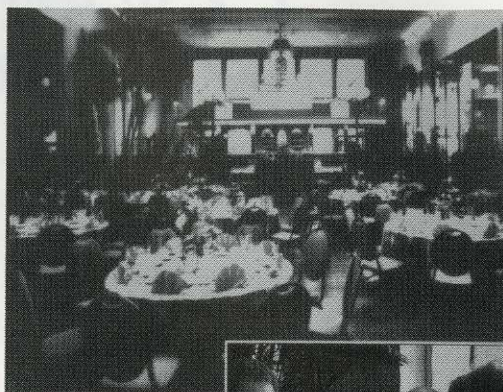
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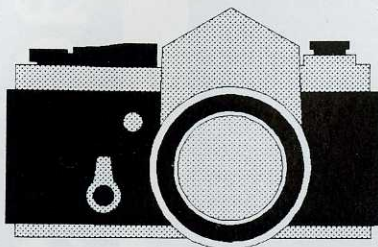
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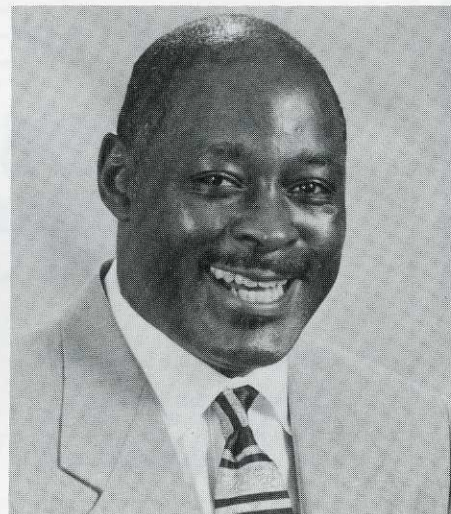


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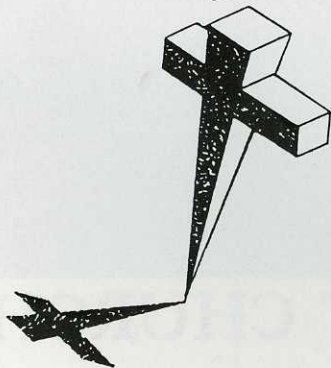


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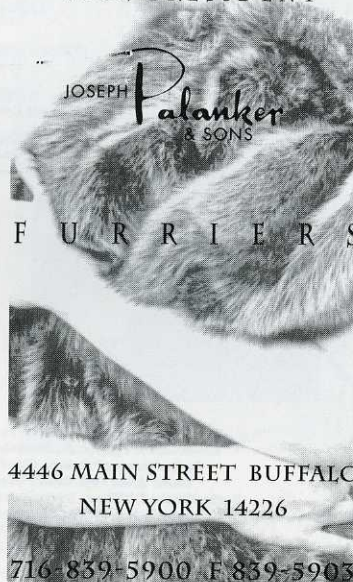
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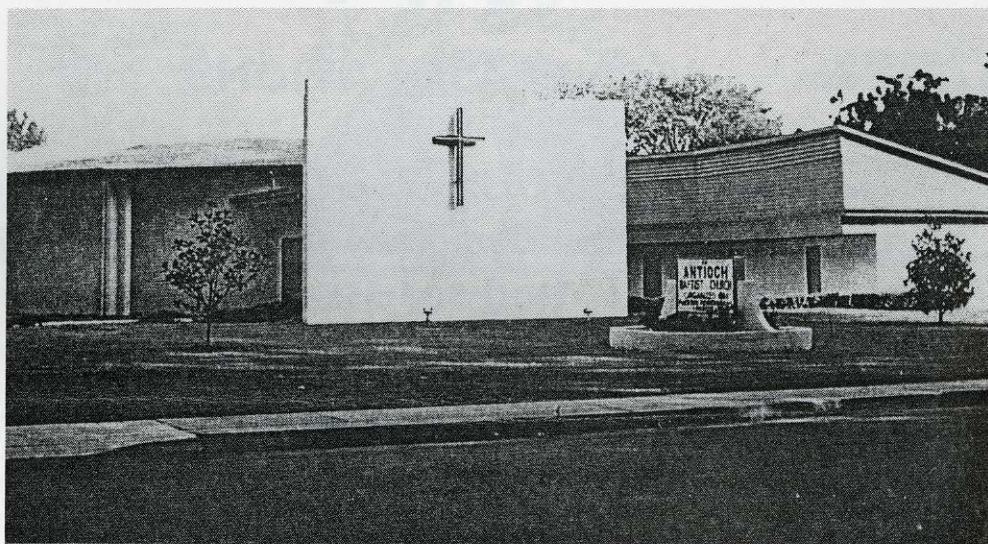
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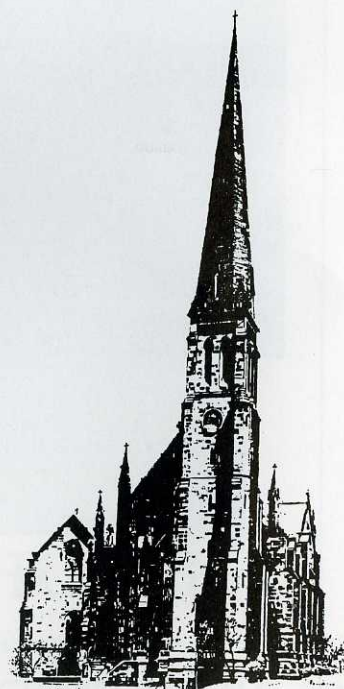
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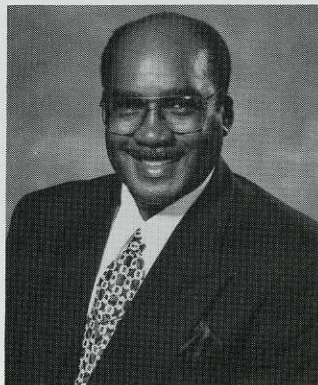
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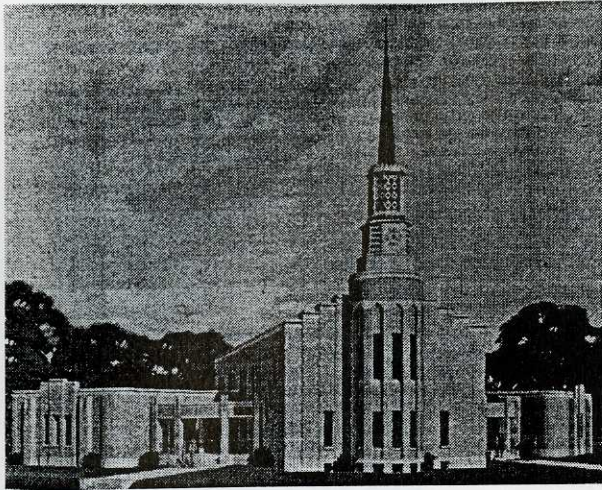
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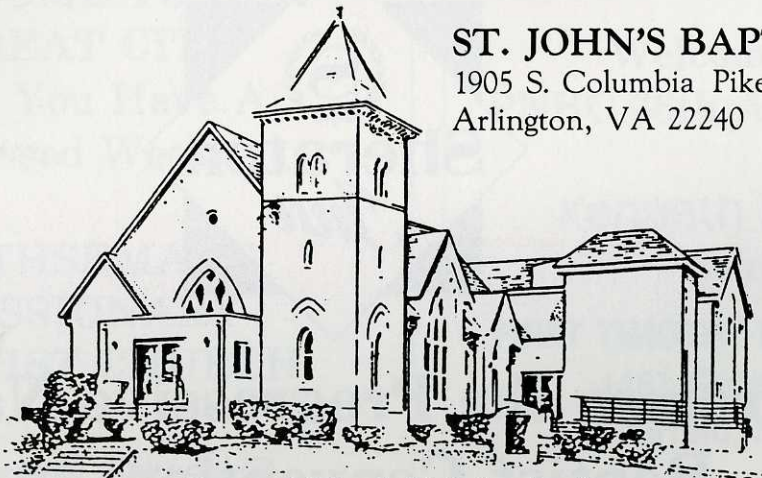
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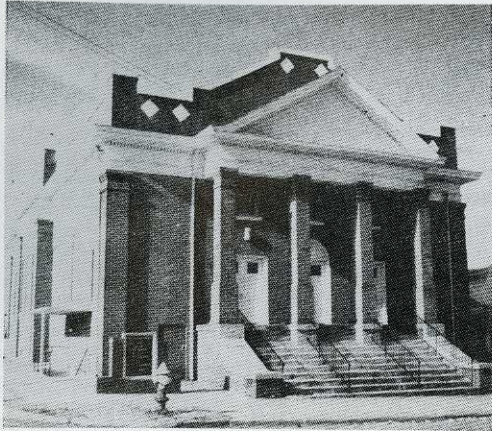
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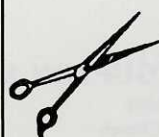
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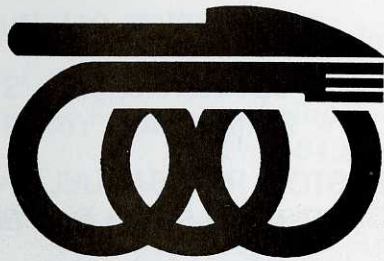
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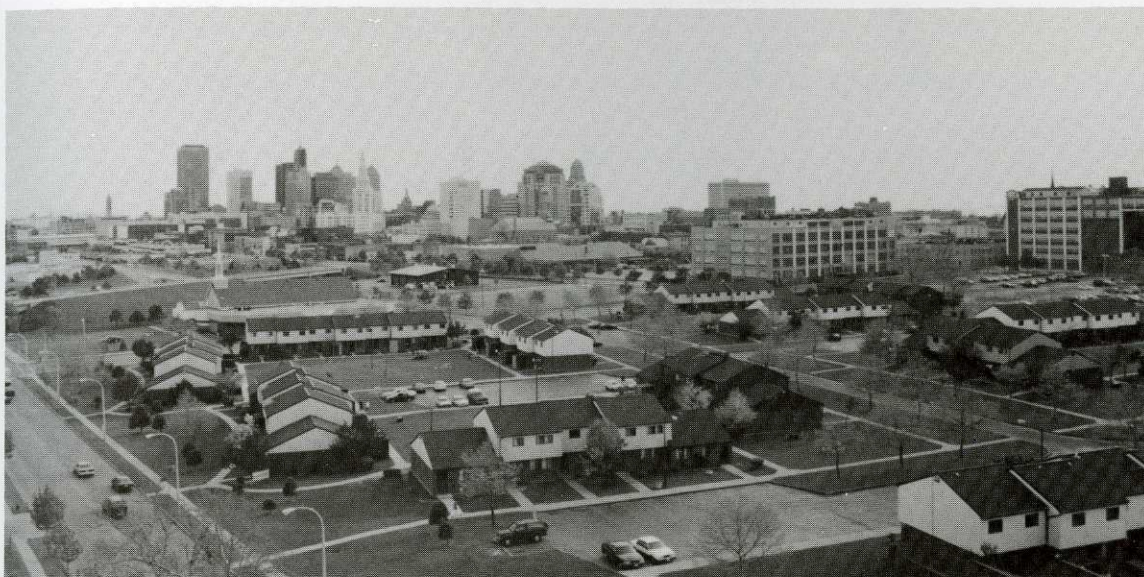
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